

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 03237 221638Z

70

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 IO-14 ACDA-19 DRC-01 /152 W

----- 056675

R 221504Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8153

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

USMISSION USEC BRUSSELS UNN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3237

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAU, EEC, PO

SUBJECT: OAU THINKING ON EEC ROLE IN PORTUGUESE
DECOLONIZATION

1. VIEW CURRENT INTEREST OF DUTCH AND NORDIC IN DEFUSING
PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM AS INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, IT MAY BE WORTH
RECALLING THAT SOME AFRICANS HAVE LONG FELT THAT WESTERN EUROPE
COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION BY INTEGRATING PORTUGAL INTO EEC.
THIS WOULD COMPENSATE PORTUGAL, BOTH PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND FINANCIALLY,
FOR "INEVITABLE" LOSS OF EMPIRE AND SPEED UP PROCESS. CONTRARY
VIEW AMONG SOME AFRICANS IS THAT ANY TIES BETWEEN PORTUGAL
AND "EUROPE"--INCLUDING EEC--CAN ONLY ASSIST LISBON TO HANG ON
IN AFRICA AND SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 03237 221638Z

2. SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, OAU HAS NEVER PRONOUNCED ITSELF FORMALLY ON ISSUE. HOWEVER, OAU SECRETARIAT SUPPORTS FORMER VIEW AND HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OPERATING ON THAT BASIS. IN CONFIDENTIAL TALKS WITH SENIOR OAU STAFF LAST DECEMBER, VISITING CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS WAS TOLD THAT OAU STAFF HAD BEEN QUIETLY URGING EEC MEMBER STATES TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH PORTUGAL ON CONDITION PORTUGAL NEGOTIATE WITH AFRICANS. THERE HAD BEEN SOME POSITIVE RESPONSES, NOT ONLY FROM SMALER EEC MEMBERS BUT ALSO FROM BONN.
WYMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COLONIALISM, DEPENDENCY POLICIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ADDIS03237
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740062-0259
From: ADDIS ABABA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740324/aaaaavxm.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 APR 2002 by collinp0>; APPROVED <04 JUN 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OAU THINKING ON EEC ROLE IN PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION
TAGS: PFOR, PO, OAU, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005